

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph at page 1, line 6 (after the paragraph "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS"), with the following paragraph:

A<sup>1</sup> This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/373,033, filed September 4, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/951,933, filed October 16, 1997.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 3 and 7, without prejudice.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend claims 1 and 4-6 as follows:

A<sup>2</sup> 1. (Amended) A composition for topical application to skin, scalp or hair, which increases skin firmness and elasticity, reduces lines and wrinkles of skin, improves quality of connective tissues, promotes turnover of skin or scalp cells, promotes proliferation of skin or scalp cells, helps skin to repair damaged keratinocytes, improves age spots and clarity of skin, raises ability of skin or scalp to scavenge oxygen free radicals, treats UV-induced damage, raises ability of skin or scalp against UV-induced damage, promotes skin or scalp cells to absorb nutrition, rebuilds subcutaneous fat padding, treats aging of skin or scalp, prevents skin or scalp from aging, improves hair growth and quality, treats winter itch or

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